

# STATE STREET *Happenings*

United Methodist Church

## Your Weekly News & Updates

### Getting Ready for Advent Time - Mark Your Calendars

**Sunday, November 24** Inside Tree Decorating/Fellowship Meal/Carol Sing  
4:00 pm Inside Tree Decorating - help decorate the Advent trees that are placed in the narthex each year; decorations provided  
4:45 pm Friendsgiving Meal (sponsored by the youth)  
5:30 pm Inside Tree Lighting and Carol Sing (led by the Chancel Choir)



#### **Advent Quick Study**

Sundays, December 1 and 8 at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Led by Pastor Steve and Pastor Laura.  
4:00 pm In Person in the Parlor  
7:00 pm on ZOOM

The resource we are using is called "Hope: An Advent Journey, Advent 2023 Edition" by Olu Brown. A copy of the book is not required. If you would like to order your own, it is available at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or at [cokesbury.com](https://www.cokesbury.com).

[Click here to join ZOOM](#)

#### **Wednesdays, Advent Noonday Services with Bristol Area Churches 12:00 pm**

**December 4 at Addilynn UMC**, 3225 Avoca Rd., Bristol, TN  
**December 11 at John Wesley UMC**, 311 Lee St., Bristol, VA  
**December 18 at State Street UMC**

Light soup and sandwich lunch provided. Mission offerings will be taken each week for the international missions founded by our Bristol Churches:

Ripples of Faith Kenya Mission and Help for Haiti Children's Home.

*These lunches take the place of Wednesday Prayer Gathering during Advent.*

#### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service**

3 opportunities:

Tuesday, December 24th at Noon at State Street

5:00 pm at Three Springs

7:00 pm at State Street

**Sunday, December 29**

One Worship at 10 am in the sanctuary

Carol Sing (by request)

**State Street UMC will offer a special  
Friendship Lunch on Thanksgiving Day  
in the Fellowship Hall.**

**This is the last week to sign-up to attend the  
Friendsgiving Lunch. Please sign-up or call Pastor  
Steve at 276-623-3831, by Sunday, November 17th,  
so turkey and dressing can be ordered.**



When: Thanksgiving Day Noon until ????

Where: SSUMC Fellowship Hall

Who is invited: Anyone looking for fellowship and a time of sharing.

What should I bring: The church will provide the Turkey and Dressing. Bring a side dish or a dessert. Sign up on Sunday or call the Church Office so we can set a place for you.

**November 24, 2024  
Christ the King/  
Thanksgiving Sunday**

Sermon: "Look"

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-33

“Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow  
nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your  
heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of  
more value than they?”

-Matthew 6:2



**"Sharing Christ"**

Thank you to everyone who helped feed supper in "Sharing Christ" on Saturday, November 16th. We served 88 people.

**Central Presbyterian Church to Host Messiah Sing-along**

The Central Presbyterian Church choir invites choir members, singers, and lovers of music to a performance & sing-along of the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah* at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15, 2024. The event will be at Central Presbyterian Church, 331 Euclid Avenue, Bristol, Virginia. Admission is free.

Music will include most of the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah*, including all the solos and most of the choruses. The performance will conclude with the "Hallelujah" Chorus.

Soloists, in order of appearance, are Dr. Matthew Potterton, Timothy Landis, Sara Hrivnak, Mark Owen Davis, Jane Morison, Anne Proctor, and Kim Profit. Accompanists are Steve Sensenig, piano; and Joy Smith-Briggs, organ. Robert Campbelle will conduct.

In addition to the choirs of Central Presbyterian and State Street United Methodist Churches, members of the Voices of the Mountains and other area churches will perform the choruses. Members of the audience who want to sing along on the choruses— "And the Glory of the

Lord,” “For Unto Us a Child Is Born,” “O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion,” “Glory to God,” and “Hallelujah!”—are invited to join in singing. Copies of *Messiah* will be provided for those who wish to sing along, or you can bring your own.

For more information, contact Robert Campbelle at (276) 623-3050 or Central Presbyterian Church at (276) 669-3157.

### ***Thanksgiving Meals to Feed FISH Families***

Please consider donating funds this Thanksgiving season to help feed our FISH families. Our church typically provides at least 30 food boxes, at a cost of \$50 for smaller families and \$75 for larger families. These boxes provide turkey, dressing, sides, a gallon of milk and a pie.

The meals will be handed out this year on Wednesday, November 27th. If you would like to help deliver meals, it's a great way to meet some very thankful families!

To make your donation of \$50 or \$75, you can write a check to State Street UMC and note “**Thanksgiving Food Boxes**” in the memo section. You can also designate the amount on your envelope! Please contact Joshua Bass at 276-669-2101, Ext 125, or at [josh@state-street.org](mailto:josh@state-street.org) with any questions.



### ***F.I.S.H. Club News***

If Pastor Steve can volunteer with F.I.S.H. Club, anybody can!



### ***F.I.S.H. Club Schedule***

F.I.S.H. Club (Faithful in Serving Him) is our weekday program for children and youth – from preschool all the way through 12th grade that meets on Tuesday nights, at the church, from 5:45p.m.-7:15 p.m.

- **November 26: Thanksgiving break**
- **December 3: Christmas Event-Congregation is invited to attend for fun and dinner!**
- **December 10: Christmas Store-need volunteers to help within the store and wrap gifts.**

Please contact Josh at: [josh@state-street.org](mailto:josh@state-street.org) if you would like to volunteer.



## **F.I.S.H. Club Christmas Store Needs Items!**

Fall Cleaning? Don't just throw it all away, donate it to the FISH Club for our Annual Christmas Store, open on Tuesday, December 10th! We will take gently used/new items for our kids to give to their siblings, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other adults. **Some examples of items are jewelry, toys/games, clothing, household items, and fragrances, men's items such as tools, electric razors, fragrances.** Any items that you would like to donate can be placed inside Josh's office. For questions or more information, please contact Josh at [josh@state-street.org](mailto:josh@state-street.org).



### **Angel F.I.S.H. Tree**

Every year, State Street UMC provides 3 gifts (tops, bottoms, and a toy or other gift) to each F.I.S.H. Club Angel. We hope you will join us in this heartwarming mission. **This will start on Sunday! We have 50 children and youth to be adopted.**

**Adopt and Shop:** The deadline to return gifts is **Dec. 8th**. Please contact Josh Bass, by email at [josh@state-street.org](mailto:josh@state-street.org), or by phone/text at 919-426-8643. He will

match you with a F.I.S.H. Club Angel and can answer any questions. Upon signing up, we will send you instructions. When you deliver your gifts to the church, please make sure the gifts are marked with the child's name, wrapped in one box/bag, and placed in Josh's office!

**Monetarily Adopt:** If you aren't able to shop, please make a donation of \$75 to State Street UMC and note "Angel FISH" and we'll take care of the rest!

### **Youth Group Activities**

Youth Group meets on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Dinner is provided.

- November 24: Friendsgiving dinner at 4:45 pm
- Winter Break: month of December



### **Guided Snowman Painting Project**

Want to try your hand at a very basic painting project? Do you enjoy fellowship with others while learning a new skill? No experience required. Shannon Love is leading a guided snowman painting project on Monday, December 2 from 5 to 8 pm in Room 115. The minimum age is 18 (a youth version is being offered on another date). All supplies provided. Cost is \$10. Sign up by calling or texting Shannon at 423 646-1077. Only 12 slots available so reserve your spot asap.

## **November OAK (Older Adult Council) Thanksgiving Luncheon**

The OAK Group will meet at the Olive Garden at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 21st. Please, bring friends or family to help honor Thanksgiving. This is a week earlier than usual, so mark your calendars. Please, sign up on Sunday mornings at the welcome table or on the bulletin board outside the Parish Nurse Office (RM 102) by Nov 20th at 12 noon. For more information call Patty Kilbreath at 423-646-5577.



### **Blood Pressure Screenings**

Blood pressure screenings will be available on Thursday, November 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Nurse office.

### **Advent Season Poinsettia Orders**

We are now accepting poinsettia orders for the upcoming Advent season. The cost is \$10.00 each. You may place an order until Monday, December 16th. Please return the order form and payment to the church office. For instructions on how to pay online, please contact Betty at the church office at: 276-669-2101, ext. 121. Please contact Susie Gordon at: 423-646-1203, or Meredith Massie at: 423-571-4498, or Catherine Brillhart at: 276-591-6952, with questions. To view a fillable form, please click on the button below. Send online form to Betty at: [churchoffice@state-street.org](mailto:churchoffice@state-street.org).



[Order Form](#)



### **Recovery at Bristol Thursday at 6:15 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall**

- Dinner at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall before worship.
- In-Person Worship at 7 p.m. (social distancing; masks not required) or live on YouTube.
- Support groups meet following worship.
- Transportation to and from Recovery available. If you need a ride, contact the Church Office at 276-669-2101 Ext. 121.



- Childcare provided (upon request).

If you have questions about Recovery, please call 276-669-2101 Ext.123 for Rev. Steve Patterson or Ext.125 for Josh Bass, Coordinator of Children, Youth & Family Ministries

[Click here to connect to Recovery Online  
Worship](#)



STATE STREET ONLINE



9:01 and 11:00 Services Livestreaming on State Street's YouTube Channel  
- StateStreetUMC

[YouTube Channel -  
StateStreetUMC](#)

### *To Make a Gift Online*

This QR Code goes directly to the giving page on our website.



### *Sunday Worship In-Person & Online*

SSUMC offers opportunities for worship on Sunday mornings with three different spaces and flavors:

+ 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel – Informal worship with traditional hymns.

+ 9:01 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall – Modern worship with music led by the Praise Band.

+ 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary – Traditional worship with choir and traditional hymns.



*Godly Play (a worship experience for ages 4 - 4th grade) is offered at the 9.01 a.m. service, with the exception of Communion Sundays.*

Your respect and care for the health of one another is appreciated. **Masks or no masks, all are welcome. No explanation or judgment necessary.**

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Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God. - John Wesley's Three Simple Rules

**Church Office hours are Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The Church Office email and phone are: churchoffice@state-street.org and 276-669-2101.



**State Street UMC seeks to be a place  
where NO ONE is a STRANGER  
and ALL are ACCEPTED.**

**We certainly are not perfect, but  
have experienced STRENGTH  
found in WALKING WITH GOD.**

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